

HAMPSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Report

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Title:	Draft Police and Crime Plan 2013-17 Report of the Police and Crime Commissioner		
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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (PRSR) states it is a statutory responsibility that all policing areas have a police and crime plan. A Commissioner must prepare and submit a draft version of their plan to their relevant Police and Crime Panel to review.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to present the Panel with the draft version of the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, allowing the Panel to carry out their duty to review.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Police and Crime Panel review the draft Police and Crime Plan and give its endorsement if appropriate.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Commissioner gave a presentation to the Police and Crime Panel meeting of 25 January 2013 to update members on the progress of the development of the Plan, and to provide them with a skeleton version of his priority areas.
- 3.2 Appendix A to this report provides members with the full version of the Plan, including the rationale behind the priority areas and the detail around governance and accountability processes. A shorter, public-friendly version will be drawn from this document.

4. Draft Police and Crime Plan 2013-17

- 4.1 The development of the Police and Crime Plan is an evolution, not a revolution, of the Policing Plan that has gone before it. The Commissioner has a wider remit than just the police service, and the Police and Crime Plan reflects this.

4.2 The process of creating the plan began before the election was held, with the strategic priorities of partner agencies collated into a single document to identity the themes across all organisations. These were taken into consideration by the Commissioner when setting the priority areas.

4.3 The Commissioner has identified four priority areas:

- Improve frontline policing to deter criminals and keep communities safe;
- Place victims and witnesses at the heart of policing and a wider criminal justice system;
- Work together to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in your community;
- Reduce re-offending.

Further work needs to be carried out before publication to collate data from the relevant agencies for the targets under the 'reduce re-offending' priority area. However, there will be no change to the general direction of travel.

5. Consultation

5.1 At the panel meeting in January, the Commissioner was unable to update members on the outcome of the facilitated consultation event on 19 January as it was cancelled because of poor weather. It was rearranged for 2 February.

5.2 A total of 102 residents from across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight gave detailed feedback about the Commissioner's policing priorities and budget plans. The main themes were:

- Widespread concern about drug and alcohol abuse, and the anti-social behaviour and petty crime that stems from it. A bigger on-street presence locally is thought to be the best way of tackling the problem.
- Widespread support for a 3%+ rise in the police element of the precept. People trust the Commissioner to need this extra funding, but wants expenditure plans and crime impact details clearly communicated.
- The reduction of re-offending should be a core aim. However, this was seen very much as a multi-agency task and one that the police should not lead on once a criminal is 'in the system'.
- Victim support is generally thought to be strong, although longer-term support for victims is sometimes lacking, and what victims want most is closure on a crime incident and full information about an outcome or prosecution.

6. Publication of Police and Crime Plan

- 6.1 It is a legal requirement to have published the plan by 31 March 2013. The Commissioner intends to meet this requirement by formally launching his plan at an event on 21 March. Comments made by panel members will be taken into consideration when finalising the plan, which will include designing the artwork for the document.

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None